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## INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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May 23, 2008

TO: Steve Ledoux, Town Manager

FROM: Doug Halley, Health Director

SUBJECT: Request for Modification to Site Plan Approval for Powdermill Plaza

The Health Department has reviewed the request submitted by Atlantic Acton Realty Limited Partnership for a modification to their site plan approval for Powdermill Plaza and would have the following comments:

1. In 1981 a Site Plan approval was issued for this site by the Board of Selectmen. Based on concerns raised by the Board of Health the Selectmen conditioned the approval to ban the uses of dry cleaners, barber shops and beauty shops. The concerns from the Board of Health were due to a proposed on-site wastewater system within the Acton Water District's Zone 2 for the Assabet Wells.
2. In 1983 a new Site Plan approval was issued for this site by the Board of Selectmen after a negotiated settlement between the developers of the property and the Board of Health was reached. The settlement deleted the on-site wastewater system from the proposal and replaced it with an on-site Wastewater Treatment Plant with a discharge to the Assabet River. The conditions from the previous Site Plan approval regarding banned uses were brought forward in the new approval.
3. In 2007 the property connected to the Town's sewer system and abandoned the on-site wastewater facility. The Town's sewer system has no prohibition on dry cleaners, barber shops and beauty shops. Each of these facilities is allowed to discharge into the public sewers in compliance with the Town's rules and regulations. Depending on the elements of each individual facility they may be required to provide pretreatment prior to discharging any wastewater.

Based on these comments the Health Department would recommend the requested modifications to the Site Plan Approval for Powdermill Plaza.